

MEMORANDUM FOR: *Mary Ann*

Addressee: (true name)

Whitney Sheperdson

(Free Europe Committee)

New York City

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR FREE EUROPE, INC.
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Declaration of Policy

Our nation was founded by men who believed in individual freedom under law. They declared this in our Declaration of Independence. That Declaration, as Lincoln said, was designed to give liberty not alone to the people of this country, but hope to the world for all future time.

Much has been done to give substance to that hope, and, in the course of our history, our belief in human liberties and our power to defend them have been continuously strengthened by those millions, largely from Europe, who have found asylum from oppression without our frontiers. We declared the Monroe Doctrine so that despotism might not reach out to strangle human liberty in this hemisphere, and we have fought two great wars to destroy centers of despotism that threatened freedom everywhere.

As World War II came to a close the United States joined with Great Britain and the Soviet Union in the Declaration on Liberated Europe, signed at Yalta on February 11, 1945. In that Declaration we affirmed our determination to cooperate with other peace-loving nations in building "world order under law dedicated to peace, security, freedom and the well-being of all mankind." In particular, we pledged ourselves in that document to assist the peoples liberated from the domination of Nazi Germany "to solve by democratic means their pressing political and economic problems."

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With other nations, and in the vanguard of the movement, the United States helped to plan a "United Nations" that would assure justice and lasting peace. At San Francisco the United Nations Charter was adopted by statesmen acting on behalf of the peoples who were determined to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights and the dignity and worth of the individual. Other nations, which are not members, assumed the same obligations through the provisions of treaties of peace whereby those states regained their sovereignty.

Four years have passed since the Yalta Declaration was adopted and the Charter signed. Eighteen months have passed since the peace treaties with Bulgaria, Hungary and Rumania entered into force. Yet, in the intervening period, the peoples of Eastern Europe have increasingly been deprived of freedom of association, freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom to perform the work of their choice. Equality before the law and protection of life and property are denied. Government by representation through free elections does not exist. Meanwhile, the peoples of Western Europe strive to guard their freedoms against a fifth column attack which is without precedent for its lack of principle, its intensity and its range of action.

This situation is the direct consequence of the determination of the leaders of International Communism to dominate the world through the creation of police states subservient to them. It is this which has frustrated our hopes of peace and increasingly threatens to bring on a third major war. The threat can not be removed and stable peace achieved until the peoples of Europe are once more able to live without fear. Only as the specter of the police state is dissipated can personal liberty and individual security return.

The peoples of Eastern and Western Europe look to us who for the moment are the most secure in our freedom. We, on our side, are reminded by the scale of our economic aid under the Marshall Plan and by the Atlantic Pact for purposes of mutual defense, that the frontiers of our security are not those of our own continent.

Action of governments alone is not enough. As American citizens we all share in the moral responsibilities assumed by our country, as we also share in the dangers. Acting together in such private associations as are appropriate and in consonance with the established views of our government in world and human affairs, we must help to further the cause of liberty and peace.

To this end the National Committee for Free Europe, Inc., is formed.

The Committee's support will be offered in particular to the intellectual and political leaders who have come temporarily to this country, seeking the freedom denied them in their own lands. It will aid them in their peaceful efforts to prepare the way toward the restoration in Eastern Europe of the social, political and religious liberties in which they and we believe.

Specifically, the Committee will help these non-Fascist and non-Communist leaders:

To maintain themselves in useful occupations during their enforced stay in the United States:

2. To come to know the people of the United States and to understand their spirit and aims:

4. To engage in efforts by radio, press and other means to keep alive among their fellow citizens in Europe the ideals of individual and national freedom;

3. To establish effective means of cooperation with like-minded European leaders in the United States and to coordinate their plans with those of similar leaders abroad.

The Committee will rally popular support in the United States for the cause of Free Europe and, in this way, will aid the cause of freedom everywhere. ~~It will raise and dispense funds in behalf of this cause.~~